

House File 2111 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to mowing within the right-of-way of a primary
2 highway.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
4 TLSB 5733YH 82
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1 1 Section 1. Section 314.17, Code 2007, is amended to read
1 2 as follows:
1 3 314.17 MOWING ON INTERSTATES AND PRIMARY HIGHWAYS.
1 4 ~~1. On or after January 1, 2003, the~~ The department shall
1 5 not mow roadside vegetation on the rights-of-way or medians on
1 6 any primary or interstate highway. ~~Mowing shall be Subject to~~
1 7 ~~the restriction in subsection 2, mowing is permitted as~~
1 8 follows:
1 9 ~~1. a.~~ On rights-of-way which include drainage ditch areas.
1 10 ~~2. b.~~ On rights-of-way within three miles of the corporate
1 11 limits of a city.
1 12 ~~3. c.~~ To promote native species of vegetation or other
1 13 long-lived and adaptable vegetation.
1 14 ~~4. d.~~ For establishing control of damaging insect
1 15 populations, noxious weeds, and invader plant species.
1 16 ~~5. e.~~ For visibility and safety reasons.
1 17 2. Mowing under subsection 1, paragraph "a" or "b", is not
1 18 permitted within the right-of-way beyond a distance of two
1 19 hundred yards from an inhabited dwelling before July 10 each
1 20 year.

EXPLANATION

1 21 Under current law, property owners are permitted to mow
1 22 within the right-of-way of a primary highway in drainage ditch
1 23 areas, within three miles of city limits, to promote certain
1 24 vegetation, for purposes of insect and weed control, and for
1 25 visibility and safety reasons. The bill imposes a restriction
1 26 on mowing before July 10 within the right-of-way in drainage
1 27 ditch areas and within three miles of city limits. Until that
1 28 date each year, mowing in those areas is not permitted beyond
1 29 a distance of 200 feet from an inhabited dwelling.
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